

Summary of FWP Public Recreation Claims in the Bitterroot Basin

FWP has filed 12 Statements of Claim for Existing Water Right–Recreation for “public recreational use” on three reaches of the Bitterroot River. The table below summarizes the water right flows, volumes, reaches and periods of use of these claimed rights. As the public recreational use is primarily fishing (as well as recreational floating), the flow rates and volumes asserted for these claims were defined by reference to the conditions necessary to support fish habitat. The claimed priority dates for these water rights, 1970, is very junior. In addition, these claims have yet to be finally adjudicated.

Source & Reach	Claim Number	Priority of Use	Period	Flow(cfs)	Volume(acre feet)
Bitterroot River Reach 1 (Confluence with the Clark Fork River upstream to the Stevensville Bridge)					
	76H 151313 00	7/1/1970	10/1 to 4/30	900	378,356
	(winter)				
	76H 151306 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	15,000	29,745
	(Part of Spring Runoff – One (1) day channel flow @ 15,000 cfs)				
	76H 151311 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	7,700	916,146
	(Part of Spring Runoff – Sixty (60) days channel flow @ 7,700 cfs)				
	76H 151312 00	7/1/1970	7/1 to 9/30	600	109,462
(Summer Period)					
Bitterroot River Reach 2 (Stevensville Bridge up stream to confluence with Sleeping Child Creek)					
	76H 151316 00	7/1/1970	10/1 to 4/30	500 cfs	210,198
	(Winter)				
	76H 151309 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	11,000	21,813
	(Part of Spring Runoff – One (1) day channel flow @ 11,000 cfs)				
	76H 151310 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	5,500	654,390
	(Part of Spring Runoff – Sixty (60) days channel flow @ 5,500 cfs)				
	76H 151305 00	7/1/1970	7/1 to 9/30	300 cfs	54,731
(Summer Period)					
Bitterroot River Reach 3 (From the confluence with Sleeping Child Creek upstream to the confluence of E. & West Forks)					
	76H 151314 00	7/1/1970	10/1 to 4/30	350 cfs	147,139
	(Winter)				
	76H 151307 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	6,000	11,898
	(Part of Spring Runoff – One (1) day channel flow @ 11,000 cfs)				
	76H 151315 00	7/1/1970	5/1 to 6/30	3,000	356,940
	(Part of Spring Runoff – Sixty (60) days channel flow @ 5,500 cfs)				
	76H 151308 00	7/1/1970	7/1 to 9/30	250 cfs	45,609
(Summer Period)					